

Dear FCC Commissioners,

I am extremely disturbed and concerned by the proposed change in ownership restrictions on broadcast stations.

The airwaves are owned by the people and the FCC is charged with regulating their use for the public benefit.

Today most of the nation's media is controlled by less than a dozen giant corporations looking to get even bigger. Some corporations own thousands of radio stations. As a result, local and diverse viewpoints are being squeezed out of the public discourse.

If regulations on media ownership are relaxed, this squeeze on social, political and cultural perspectives will accelerate, putting the very foundations of our democracy in danger. At the same time, the available entertainment and information options available to the general public as well as their ability to influence programming choices will be severely reduced.

The FCC plans to vote on June 2 on a plan to deregulate media ownership that has not been released to the public. I am deeply concerned that this action, supported by only three out of five FCC commissioners, is in violation of the FCC's mandate to regulate in the public interest.

I hereby request the Federal Communications Commission to delay its consideration of media ownership regulations until it has thoroughly researched the impact of regulatory rollback and adequately consulted the public in revising these rules.

Signed,

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